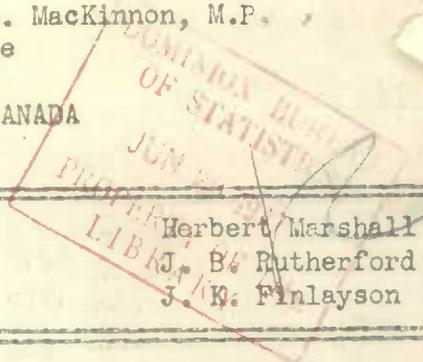


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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FUR PRODUCTION OF CANADA SEASON ENDING JUNE 30,
1946

Ottawa, June 19, 1947: During the fur production season, ending on June 30, 1946, 7,301,033 pelts were taken from fur-bearing animals. The total value of these furs amounted to \$42,807,127, almost 12 million dollars more than in the season ending June 30, 1945. Of those pelts, 6,869,595, or, 94.1 per cent were taken from wild animals, the remaining 431,438 pelts coming from ranch-raised fur-bearers.

The statistics in this report were prepared from statements given by Provincial game departments in all provinces with the exception of Prince Edward Island, the data for which are based on reports from the dealers through whose hands the furs of that Province passed.

Again Ontario had the greatest production value for the season with an increase over her previous year's production of nearly 4 million dollars. Quebec was next with over 2 million dollars increase in value. Manitoba and Alberta followed in third and fourth places. In value, mink headed the list by supplying pelts worth \$11,002,372 but were closely followed by muskrat which totalled \$10,528,146. The value of fox pelts of all kinds totalled \$7,389,624 slightly overtopping beaver pelts, which had a total value of \$7,327,240. In the fox pelts, silver held its usual lead, having a value of \$3,730,602. Platinum type fox pelts more than doubled their value of the previous year, being \$967,256 as compared with \$434,237. Average values per pelt varied greatly during the 1945-46 season from the previous season's averages. Beaver and muskrat increased considerably while blue fox, cross fox and silver fox increased slightly. Marten also increased satisfactorily as did mink, and several less important kinds, but many others, including red, platinum type, white-marked and white fox pelts dropped in average values.

Table 1.

PELT PRODUCTION BY PROVINCES
Seasons ending June 30, 1945 and 1946

	1944-45		1945-46	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Prince Edward Island.	26,945	875,785	34,201	1,195,930
Nova Scotia	100,353	593,551	184,119	1,123,390
New Brunswick	88,078	927,158	95,976	1,053,699
Quebec	534,783	5,059,995	645,123	7,444,582
Ontario	992,802	7,003,877	1,240,661	10,822,246
Manitoba	1,511,130	4,818,625	1,489,079	6,507,406
Saskatchewan	925,240	2,310,760	1,131,845	3,671,751
Alberta	1,772,381	3,884,998	1,501,722	5,209,064
British Columbia	696,751	3,113,780	598,373	3,414,795
Northwest Territories	258,931	1,743,710	272,682	1,686,769
Yukon Territory	87,292	669,217	107,252	677,495
CANADA	6,994,686	31,001,456	7,301,033	42,807,127

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PELLI' PRODUCTION BY KINDS
Season ending June 30, 1945 and 1946

Table 2.

Kind	1944-45			1945-46		
	Wild life	Ranch raised	Total Value of pelts	Wild life	Ranch raised	Total Value of pelts
	No.	No.	\$	No.	No.	\$
Badger	5,708	-	19,036	6,373	-	17,211
Bear, grizzly	8	-	40	3	-	45
Bear, white	95	-	2,540	61	-	1,633
Bear, not specified	2,344	-	6,639	1,164	-	3,795
Beaver	128,999	37	4,687,963	144,094	3	7,327,240
Chinchilla	-	12	360	-	40	920
Coyote or prairie wolf	45,186	11	297,644	37,462	12	261,969
Ermine (weasel) ...	657,111	-	1,386,140	664,944	-	1,982,259
Fisher	3,631	31	238,944	4,149	9	258,824
Fitch	-	499	1,226	-	344	1,879
Fox, blue	153	2,878	83,553	630	2,630	94,768
Fox, cross	23,230	1,674	388,868	17,334	1,191	294,761
Fox, red	128,428	686	1,018,854	118,502	726	801,236
Fox, silver	3,136	129,813	3,612,567	2,870	130,599	3,730,602
Fox, platinum ^{1/} ..	-	6,241	434,237	-	15,503	967,256
Fox, white-marked .	-	11,035	447,316	-	16,809	578,143
Fox, white	17,969	-	639,425	41,176	-	921,321
Fox, not specified.	210	-	1,943	212	-	1,537
Lynx	12,329	-	534,911	8,447	-	316,147
Marten	19,990	24	960,563	20,130	30	1,129,790
Mink, standard	134,616	222,017	7,980,343	115,139	262,492	10,948,629
Mink, new types ...	-	-	-	-	885	53,743
Muskrat	2,377,146	483	6,299,411	3,190,912	-	10,528,146
Nutria	-	24	107	-	6	13
Otter	11,211	-	272,428	12,137	-	397,388
Rabbit	275,431	9	162,581	307,655	-	246,671
Raccoon	27,231	46	84,147	36,025	67	112,299
Skunk	127,580	-	219,662	125,736	-	193,269
Squirrel	2,610,603	-	1,133,155	2,009,759	-	1,583,198
Wild cat	2,200	-	35,035	1,585	-	23,340
Wolf	3,920	-	42,405	2,525	-	20,758
Wolverine	623	-	9,374	571	-	8,291
House cat	-	78	39	-	92	46
T O T A L	6,619,088	375,598	31,001,456	6,869,595	431,438	42,807,127

^{1/} Platinum, platinum silver, pearl platinum, pearlatina, glacier blue.

Table 3.

C A N A D A

AVERAGE VALUES OF PELTS

Seasons ending June 30, 1944, 1945 and 1946

Kind	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46
	\$	\$	\$
Badger	4.14	3.33	2.70
Bear, grizzly	20.00	5.00	15.00
Bear, white	25.00	26.74	26.77
Bear, unspecified	3.29	2.83	3.26
Beaver	37.02	36.33	50.85
Chinchilla	15.60	30.00	23.00
Coyote or prairie wolf	16.06	6.59	6.99
Ermine (weasel)	2.17	2.11	2.98
Fisher	76.21	65.25	62.25
Fitch	2.73	2.46	5.46
Fox, blue	31.79	27.57	29.07
Fox, cross	18.82	15.61	15.91
Fox, red	13.90	7.89	6.72
Fox, silver	33.99	27.17	27.95
Fox, platinum 1/	104.59	69.58	62.39
Fox, white-marked	47.44	40.54	34.39
Fox, white	32.83	35.58	22.38
Fox, unspecified	16.91	9.25	7.25
Lynx	52.06	43.39	37.43
Marten	46.31	47.99	56.04
Mink, standard	19.55	22.38	28.99
Mink, new types	-	-	60.73
Muskrat	2.28	2.65	3.30
Nutria	5.60	4.46	2.17
Otter	23.99	24.30	32.74
Rabbit	0.30	0.59	0.80
Raccoon	5.35	3.08	3.11
Skunk	3.12	1.72	1.54
Squirrel	0.51	0.43	0.79
Wild cat	16.47	15.93	14.73
Wolf	15.47	10.82	8.22
Wolverine	11.27	15.05	14.52
House cat	0.50	0.50	0.50

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